

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information-signal-processing apparatus comprising:
plural functional blocks each for processing an information signal; and
a control block for controlling operations of the plural functional blocks,
wherein the control block or a predetermined functional block of the control block and
the plural functional blocks issues a common command; and
each of the plural functional blocks adaptively operates in accordance with the issued
common command.

2. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
functional blocks change a signal path or signal processing in accordance with the common
command.

3. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
control block includes command acquisition means for acquiring the common command.

4. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the
command acquisition means acquires the common command from the plural functional blocks.

5. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the
command acquisition means acquires the common command from an outside of the apparatus.

6. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the control block has a first common command that corresponds to a user
operation; and
wherein if the user operation that corresponds to the first common command is
performed, the control block delivers this first common command to the plural functional blocks.
7. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the control block has a second common command that does not correspond to a
user operation; and
wherein the control block delivers the second common command to the plural functional
blocks without associating this command with the user operation.
8. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
block that issues the common command delivers most recent values of the common commands
of all of kinds or some of the kinds to the plural functional blocks for every predetermined lapse
of time.
9. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
block that issues the common command transmits most recent values of the common commands
of all of kinds or some of the kinds if a command indicative of a normal operation from the
functional block that is to operate when having received the issued common command is not
returned.

10. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the functional blocks each comprises a control section and a functional section
which is controlled by this functional section;
wherein the control section includes:
storage means for storing a correlation between the common command related to
its own functional block and an intra-functional-block command used to control the control
section;
reception means for receiving the common command from the control block; and
conversion means for, if the common command received by the reception means
is the common command related to its own functional block, converting this common
command into the intra-functional-block command based on the correlation stored in said
storage means.
11. (Currently Amended) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the predetermined functional block issues the common command including a result of
processing the information signal.
12. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
control block and said plural functional blocks are connected to each other via a control bus.
13. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein each of the plural functional blocks is constituted of a substrate; and

wherein some or all of the plural functional blocks are respectively inserted into slots formed in a chassis thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A functional block control method comprising the steps of:
transmitting a common command to plural functional blocks, respectively, used to process an information signal from a control block or from a predetermined functional block of the control block and the plural functional blocks; and

adaptively operating the plural functional blocks in accordance with the common command.

15. (Original) A functional block comprising:

a control section; and

a functional section that is controlled by this functional section,

wherein the control section includes:

storage means for storing a correlation between a common command related to its own functional block and an intra-functional-block command used to control the control section;

reception means for receiving the common command from a control block; and

conversion means for, if the common command received by the reception means is the common command related to its own functional block, converting this common command into an intra-functional-block command based on the correlation stored in the storage means.

16. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the control block and the plural functional blocks respectively have a bus
interface;
wherein the control block and the plural functional blocks respectively are connected to
each other by a bus using the bus interface; and
wherein the bus interface includes:
a message buffer for storing received data; and
a message storage control section for selectively storing data received via the bus in the
message buffer.
17. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 16,
wherein the control block transmits the common command having at least an identifier to
the plural functional blocks; and
wherein if the identifier of a predetermined common command that has been set
beforehand agrees with an identifier of the common command that has been received via the bus,
the message storage control sections in the plural functional blocks store this received common
command into the message buffer.
18. (Original) The information-signal-processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein
the bus is a CAN bus.